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EDWIN W. SAMPSON PAPERS

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Camp near Falmouth
Va. Jan 28th 1863

Dear Ones at home

I have again taken up the pen to try and talk alitel while with you that are at home I am well and hope that this may finde you all the same. it is a verey rough stormey Day it Commenced to rain last night and raind till this morning when it turnd into snow and now it is a going verey rediklous a[illegible]ll youst to say. W. Brown has g[illegible]ne on picket this morning he will have a verey harde time of it. Evans is well and seting in our hut writing. but we will soon have to turn out and get som wood whitch will bee no verey plesent job this kind of weather for we have to go quite a distance and pretty hard getting at that. it is reported heare that

General Burnside has been Superseeded
by Hooker and Hallock by McClelond
and a Kill up Generaley. but thair
may be no foundation tin it at all.
it seemes to me that the Rebel sim-
pithisers are a going to rool the north
I enclosed fifty Dollars in a envelope
and gave it to Capt. Griswold to
express to you as he was a going to
aquia Creak this morning he took a
grate meney packezes and thay [he] wer [is]
a going to take a receipt for the whole
of it togeather. and sende it all to
Sanfords and Spencers so [illegible] that
you can go thair and get [illegible] it is in
an envelope adrest to John Sampson
I dont think thay will bee a resite
for me to send. but when the Capt
Coms back if thair is eney thing
more for me to Do before you can
Draw it I will write and tell you
But I think thair will bee no Dificulty
but you can go right thair and get it

I want you to youse that money to the best advantage you posibley can for it is tough busness earning money heare. but I want you to have things Comfortable at home but Dont get things that you Dont want for the sake of geting rid of the money. I have nothing mor to tell you now. and Gorge is huring me up for we are out of wood and he is redy to starte after sum. so I will wish you good by I supose you must have slighing now for thair is snow falling heare [illegible] my Love to Henrey and family Give [illegible] Hatty a Kiss for me

from your most afectionate
Son and Brother

Edwin W. Sampson

Camp Near Falmouth
March 8th 1863

[illegible] at Home

[illegible] I received your
[illegible] of March the 1st and also one
from Mother yesterday. I am well
and hope that those few lines may
finde you all the same
Mother has had a bad coald
but was geting over it. Hatty
was well. I wrote a letter to
Mother yesterday. The weather
hear is still verry changeble
though verry Spring like
warm and considerable rain.
Mother says that thair is considerable
Snow there and she is afraid that
thay cant get up eney Arbovita
while she is there but uncle
will get som up and send it
as soon as thay can. dont hurey
Mother let her make out a good long visit

I dont think it would
for Henry to use any
drag down corn stubble
I am off here eating
for our contrey without any
and I dont think it best to
him till fall. as you can put
out to pasture through the Sumer
I will probbley get home time
anough to break him. Colnol
McCrarey is verey friendley to me
now. the maill is just reddy
to Start and if I Send this
I will halve to Stop so goodby.
I will try and write more the
next time My Box has not got
hear yet. from your most
afectionate Son and Brother

Edwin W. Sampson

No 2

...rcened last thursday
... Joseph Hooker he
...goodeal like Abel white
...ardner he probbley is a
... trifle Larger the sam complestion
... same conered hare and the shap
of the face the same. there has bin
nothing more don in regarde to
Evans. he has got it safe anough
though there aint one in the
regiment that would want his
place under the sam circumstances
time will bring everey thing wright
Wont offer to by my comision
for it will probbley be out of
the power of the Colnol to get
me a place though he can in the
corces of time. though I careulate
to bee worthey of a situation
beter then I have got and probbley
will get it for this has fetched
me before the Eye of the regiment

Camp in the wo[illegible] near Stephensburg Virginia
Tuesday December 22nd 1863

Dear [illegible] at home

I received your letter of the 17th inst last night. I am well. the weather is clear and cold. the ground being froze quite hard it is much pleasanter than [illegible] much mud as we have had lately. although it will not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. We have had no snow yet and it is [illegible] near Christmas. I dont think that we have it near so cold as you do up north but we have a great deal of rain and disagreable sloppy weather. I am glad to hear that you have got the three of [illegible] letters [illegible] [illegible] money in. I sent a letter day before yesterday last sunday with a ten Dollar bill in it. I am very Glad that the Boys and Girls like the school. I hope that they will do all they possibly can to learn. I would give almost anything If I only had a better education. I feel the want of it almost every day. have James and Alfred been writing as fast as possible. the writing is what bothers me the most of anything. almost every one critisises all the writing that they can see.

you think it [illegible] imposible to keep healthey such weather as we get. [illegible] man is a grate deal tougher then in naturley. Supose if your are out in the wet and cold all day long it will not efect you in the least if you only keep moveing. [illegible] the house [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before. but dont contemplate working to [illegible] and about improveing it I dont think that will scarcley pay and dont think of puting any money on to it [illegible] consideration whatever. that you want [illegible] you can get [illegible] your one place and all the straw and stuff that you can get of the other [illegible] put it on your one. If you get it keep the most of it for pasture and put a peace [illegible] in and probbley a little peas of corn but the pasture you will make the most of and the rate the rest. you can let the pasture not the land. but take in stalk at a good price. dont let the Greenehouse stand still now keep on work Father you can finish it your selfe make it good and warm and get the plants into it. dont let it go untill the spring now seeing that you have got so far

I suppose that Captain Lytell and Lieut Snell will be on the road back by this time or before this gets to [illegible] and Colnol Brown and Quartermaster Paign have gone ere long before this reaches you.

There is a grate meny of the [illegible]le Regments that there time is nearley out. are ren[illegible] again for three years and geting thirty day[illegible]lough. Our Brigade I think will be broken u[illegible] the 53rd and 64 are soon going hom the most [illegible] them having renlisted again. all those that would not are a going to be transfered into our Regment[illegible] the most of the Irish Brigade have renlisteed again. Lieut Linn is here on a furlough to get mustered as first Lieut he is permentley detailed at Philadelphia untill the next Draft is over. It makes a good thing for him. One of John [illegible]smiths letters state that William Brown went to his house and told his wife that he was coming back to the Regment very soon. I hope that you will soon get a new stock of paper ink and pens. the paper looks as though you was drove to your last extreemitys I must close now for I have got nothing more to tell you. Give my Love to Henry & Josephine and accept of it yourselve from your most affectionate Son and Brother

Edwin W. Sampson

Order
Tim
Simpson
One shilling
Cr Samp

Camp In the Woods near Shepardstown Va
Wednesday Evening Jan 13th 1864

Dear ones at home

I received your most welcome letter of [illegible] last evening. I am well. the weather is fine the [illegible] not all gon yet although it thaws daytimes and freezes [illegible] the mail has just come in and it brought [illegible] from the Normal School Clinton Charl[illegible] is a beautiful letter but I hate to answer it [illegible] I must. [illegible] could nev write h[illegible] as good a [illegible] wrote me. I [illegible] answer it with the [illegible] I have been out all day a hunting for birds [illegible] but two is thick the snow was too much [illegible] and [illegible] been to many in hunting them yesterday I aint [illegible] it give it up yet and if there is nothing [illegible] of snow soon you will [illegible] of me [illegible] a little hog. I was [illegible] yesterday after Rabits and Quail. and I only [illegible] a chance to shoot once and that was at Quail and [illegible].

We are in a big wilderness here you can travel all day long and not get out of the woods. you [illegible] while a small clearing and a log house. game is plenty such as hogs Turkeys Rabbits Partridges or Pheasants and Quails but hard to get as the underbrush is so thick

The go hogs was once tame but the f
in the woods and after the war
more attention paid to the hogs and
and in fact there is a lot of them
wild for many years. Captain Hea
me yesterday after a all day cha
ten years old a very large sow. T
dos to handle; you and if you were
get away it will pitch into you
I am afraid that our hunting will
have Run the Infantry picket line
was the first and they have not come
orders yet. but they most likely
with the picket bec if they it
Regiment have got to do picketing
four Sergeants Eight corporals two lieu
out of our Regt every morning. so
fetch the duty a little thicker then
I rather thought they couldent let th
for they never a going to have too easy
forget how to stand hard ships. th
and building all the time until we
almost got there quarters finished.
must go. but never minde we
to go as we had last winter. So I

... ... Lieut. Wray and Rounds & Sites from this morning on a furlough. the Major was very kinde he come to me and said to take eny thing home or do eny thing for me if I wished him to ... I had nothing to send or eny thing for him to do. so I thanked him and tolde him that I would not tax his kindness eny this time. Well I must wonder for ... is a going ... George ... you to bed. but the ... went and I think ... you over to ... in time to some ... living and ... the ... over there ... is ... Singer ... I think that he is there ... of the poor little ... dieing but I think ... must of starved to death ... health ... that is good ... is ... to ... the ... eny ... and ... when the road is good and ... it wont hurt the ... but ... very ... ... load ... if I ever get home I want ... horse and if I dont I want you to have one. We havent heard eny thing about our pay lately. It is nearly time now there is a report around camp that we wont get eny this time but get four months togather the next time but there is no certainty in eny of those camp stories. I should judge that Pepper was a going to live on that ... trying to get our olde ... well I dont know as I care who ... it for ... whoever gets it will garden it, Good night

Thursday morning. Last night [illegible]
is shining out beautiful and bri[illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]. The Boys are all
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
is going to be a [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] is [illegible], [illegible] to [illegible]
The Boys are all [illegible] [illegible]
like [illegible] old Grand Mother. I [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] at to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] it [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I hope you [illegible]
that I [illegible] you in my last lett[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
for I [illegible] [illegible] I went [illegible]
Wish you all good bye. Give my
Josephine and accept a all [illegible]
Most [illegible] Son and Brother
you must excuse this bad
writing for my [illegible] very poor

C[illegible]

Camp at Oakgrove near Shepardstown
Monday January 18th 1864

Dear ones at home

I received your letter of the 13th inst last night. I am well and hope that this will find you all the same.
I wrote you a letter yesterday afternoon. So I havent got much of any thing to write about today. but as I have not anything else to do. I thought that I would try to while away a short time in writing to you hoping that the practice with the pen will repay me for both paper and stamp.
It comenced to rain this morning and is poring down both steady and fast. It realy looks as though we are agoing to have another real wet time of it.
It is quite warm. colnol Brown takes comand of the Brigade to day. I rather half wish it was the Regt but not. I wish to see him a high a posible for he deserves it for he is a thorough Soldier. Diner time

After dinor. We had a good dinor at leist quite home like. It was a kinde of a beefe stew with dumplings in it. We have a nice kitchen and dining Room Oakley is chief cook Jake is taking care of the captains horse and waits eating. You may laugh but we have one of them Virginia Bake ovens. a Iron pot covered with a big heavy lid. and you cover it up with coles. So we have rost meite. and Oakley says that he will bake us some biscuits or Saleratus cakes. but I can tell whether he can do it or not. better after he trys it. We have buckweat cakes every morning for breakfast. Calvin Colburne started for home today on a sick furlough of twenty days to get his teeth fixt. he lives near Edinburg Co B. Captain Hamlin lives sleeps and eats with us but he has the Quartermaster tent up over at head quarters which he uses as a office. he has nothing to do with the company at all that is in my command altogether. I will draw ten dollars extra pay for every month that I comand the Co

Thair is about sixty two Private six corporals two sergeants and one captain and one Lieut on two Lieuts and no captain. goes out of our Regt every day on Picket. and about twenty men on camp Guard and just about the same number every other day for Brigade Guards. That is calling for us very heavey for duty. but we have onley got to go a very little ways to get to the Picket line. Which makes it a grate deal plesenter then it was last winter for we always had to get up befor day light last winter and then did not get out to the Picket line befor noon. and now they can sleepe untill after day brake and then relieve the olde picket before nine oclock. Libbie I am sorey to heare you talk so discourageingley about playing the Guitar and Singing. But keepe on you will probabley larn yet and if you dont you can larn all the res of the famley. There can be some musick scratched out of some of them I am sure. for they can most all sing if you cannot. I hope that I will heare some good playing and singing when I come home again that is if it aint to quick. I am glad to heare that the 111th Regt have enlisted again. and I hope that they may get there ranks well filled up while home there on a furlough. although they will get a grate many men

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in there Regment that would of come into this Regment if they had not of reinlisted and gon home. they are a good Rest and deserve a warm welcom home I hope that they will learn some of them Offisers that are usuly blowing about there, and there is no doubt but what they will if they open their heads. I will be under the nesessity of drawing this to a close as I havent nothing more to say and it is geting late and I have got to make out a Requsition for Clothing camp and Garison equipage right of. Evans received a letter from Daniel Harver and answerd it yesterday It has held up from raining just now but I will soon comence again soon if you can judge by apearences You would not think that I am short up for paper because I send this toren sheete but I well knew that I could not fill this. We have plenty of paper Uncle Sam furnishes it for us. I wish that you would try Johnny to write. I dont think that it would hurt him the least bit. I will bid you all a most affectionate good-by. from your Loving Son and Brother

E
Edwin W. Sampson

Invoice of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores turned over by Capt Clayton W Lytle 145 Pa Vols to Lieut E. W. Sampson 145 Pa Vols on the 22d day of January 1864

5	Screw Drivers
10	Wipers

I certify that the above is a correct Invoice of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores turned over by me this 22d day of January 1864 to Lieut E W Sampson

Clayton W Lytle

Capt Co D 145 Pa Vol